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Our Case No. 11795-4

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jun Yoshitani et al.

Serial No. 10/630,294

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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement in the Office Action mailed February 2, 2006, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group II corresponding to Claims 37-61. Applicants reserve the right to file additional applications to pursue non-elected inventions, and to add dependent claims after the allowance of the elected claims.

Application Serial No. 10/630,294  
Client/Matter No. 11795-4

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in condition for early allowance.  
Allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heidi A. Dare", positioned above a horizontal line.

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